



Registration of Births, &c. (Ireland) Bill.

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Provide for the uniform Registration of Births,
Deaths, and Marriages in Ireland.

WHEREAS it is expedient that a complete and uniform Preamble.
System of Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages
should be established and maintained in Ireland, as in other
Parts of the United Kingdom, and that the Provisions of the Act
5 passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Seventh and Eighth
Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for Marriages 7 & 8 Vict.
" in Ireland, and for registering such Marriages," and of another Act 6. 81.
passed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, 9 & 10 Vict.
Chapter Seventy-two, amending the same, should be extended, and 6. 72.
10 that the said Acts should be amended as herein-after mentioned:
Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and
with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Tem-
poral, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by
the Authority of the same, as follows :

15 I. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Registration of Short Title.
Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Ireland) Act, 1860."

II. The said recited Acts, except so far as the same are hereby Revised Acts
altered and amended, shall be incorporated with this Act, and incorporated.
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the said Acts and this Act shall be construed together as One Act.

Interpre-
tation Clause.

III. The following Words and Expressions in this Act shall have the Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,) the Words

"Lord Lieutenant" shall include any other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland:

"Assizes" shall include Presenting Term:

"County" shall include County of a City and County of a Town, 10
and Riding of a County, and any Borough in which the Powers,
Rights, and Duties of any Grand Jury in regard to presenting or
levying Rates or Cesses for any Purpose have been by Law
transferred to and are solely exercised by the Council of such
Borough: 15

"County Cess or Rates" or "County Cess" shall, in relation to
any such Borough as last mentioned, be construed to mean the
Rates of such Borough:

"Grand Jury" shall include the Council of any such Borough:

"Secretary of the Grand Jury" shall include the Town Clerk of 20
any such Borough:

"Treasurer" shall include Finance Committee, and the Secretary
of the Grand Jury for the County of Dublin:

"Registrar General" shall mean the Registrar General of Births,
Deaths, and Marriages in Ireland for the Time being, appointed 25
or to be appointed under the said recited Act, and (in case of
the Absence of the Registrar General) shall also mean and
include the Assistant Registrar General for the Time being
appointed or to be appointed under this Act:

"Constable" shall mean and include the Head Constable, Con- 30
stable, or Sub-Constable for the Time being in charge of the
Station at which he is doing Duty:

"Constabulary Station" shall mean the Barrack at which any
Party of the Constabulary is placed in accordance with the
Regulations of the Inspector General: 35

"Occupier" shall, for the Purposes of the Registration of Births
and Deaths under this Act, include the Governor, Keeper,
Master, Superintendent, or other chief resident Officer of every
Gaol, Prison, or House of Correction, and of every Workhouse,
Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, or other Public or Charitable Institu- 40
tion, and where any House is let in Lodgings or separate Apart-
ments shall include the Householder, or his Agent or Servant,
residing in such House, or any Person or Persons residing in such
Lodgings or separate Apartments.

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IV. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, at any Time after the passing of this Act, on the Representation of the Registrar General, to make any Alteration that may from Time to Time appear necessary in the Registration Districts formed in pursuance of the said recited Act, and to abolish any such Districts, and to form new Districts, and from Time to Time to appoint a fit Person to be the Registrar of each of such Districts, and every Registrar so appointed shall hold his Office during the Pleasure of the Registrar General; and it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, on such Representation as aforesaid, to divide the Districts so formed into Sub-Districts, and to appoint the Sub-Inspector, or One of the Constables in charge of the Constabulary Stations within such Sub-District, or other fit Person, to be the Assistant Registrar for such Sub-District, and such Sub-Districts may from Time to Time be altered by the Lord Lieutenant; and every Person appointed Assistant Registrar for any such Sub-District shall hold his Office during the Pleasure of the Lord Lieutenant.

Power to Lord Lieutenant to alter existing Districts, and form new Districts and Sub-Districts, and to appoint Registrar and Assistant Registrars thereon.

V. It shall be lawful for every Registrar and Assistant Registrar appointed under the Provisions of the said recited Act or this Act, from Time to Time, subject to the Approval of the Registrar General, to appoint, by Writing under his Hand, a fit Person to act as his Deputy during the Illness or unavoidable Absence of such Registrar or Assistant Registrar respectively; and every Registrar and Assistant Registrar shall be responsible for the Acts and Omissions of his Deputy.

Registrar and Assistant Registrar may appoint a Deputy.

VI. Every Registrar shall reside or have an Office or known Place of Business within the District for which he is appointed, and shall cause his Name with the Addition of Registrar for the District for which he is so appointed, to be affixed on some conspicuous Place on or near the outer Door of his Dwelling House, Office, or known Place of Business, and shall cause to be published in his District a List of the Names and Localities of the several Constabulary Stations or other Places within his District at which Information regarding Births and Deaths is to be given in the Manner herein-after mentioned, and such List shall be furnished to the Registrar from Time to Time by the Registrar General.

Registrars to reside in their Districts.

VII. The Registrar General shall cause to be printed a sufficient Number of Register Books for making Entries of all Births and Deaths in Ireland, according to the Forms (A.) and (B.) to this Act annexed; and the said Register Books shall be of durable Materials, and in them shall be printed, on each Side of every Leaf, the Heads of Information required to be known and registered of Births

Register Books of Births and Deaths to be provided.

and of Deaths respectively, and every Page of each of such Books shall be numbered progressively from the Beginning to the End, beginning with Number One, and every Place of Entry shall be also numbered progressively, beginning with Number One, and every Entry shall be divided from the following Entry by a printed Line.

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Books, &c.
to be furnished from
Her Majesty's Stationery
Office.

VIII. Upon the Application of the Registrar General, there shall be furnished to him from Time to Time from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, all such Stationery, Books, Certificates, Schedules, Notices, and Forms as shall be necessary in the Execution of the said recited Act or this Act, and as the Registrar General shall 10 require and direct; and the Registrar General shall furnish to all Persons who are required by the said recited Act or this Act to use the same a sufficient Number of Register Books, and of Certificates, Schedules, Notices, and Forms.

Assistant
Registrar
to ascertain
and register
Births and
Deaths.

IX. Every Assistant Registrar shall, subject to the Regulations 15 to be made as herein-after mentioned, he and he is hereby authorised and required to inform himself carefully of every Birth and Death which shall happen after the *Twenty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty* within the Sub-District for which he is Assistant Registrar, and as soon after the Event as con- 20 veniently may be done to enter in duplicate the Particulars required to be registered according to the Forms (A.) and (B.) hereunto annexed, touching every such Birth and every such Death, as the Case may be, in Two Books to be furnished to him by the Registrar General for that Purpose, and which Books shall have printed 25 on both Sides of each Leaf thereof the several Heads of Information touching every such Birth or Death respectively required to be known and registered, pursuant to the Forms (A.) and (B.) hereunto annexed, and every such Assistant Register shall, immediately after making each such Entry in duplicate as aforesaid, 30 cause such Entry and duplicate Entry to be signed by the Party from whom he shall have received such Information as aforesaid, and shall also himself sign the same, and shall, immediately after the Termination of the Months of *March, June, September, and December* respectively in each Year, detach from such Register 35 Books every Leaf upon which an Entry of a Birth or a Death has been made, and shall forthwith transmit the same to the Registrar of the District; and every such Registrar shall, immediately on Receipt thereof, make Transcripts of such Entries in a Form to be furnished to him for that Purpose by the Registrar 40 General, and the Registrar shall carefully examine and compare the duplicate Registers, and authenticate the same, and all Alterations

tions thereof or Additions thereto, in such Form and Manner as the Registrar General shall direct, and shall within *Ten Days* after he shall have received such duplicate Registers from the Assistant Registrar transmit to the Registrar General One of the said Duplicates, together with the Transcripts thereof, and shall carefully preserve the other duplicate Registers among the Records of his Office; and the Registrar General, if it shall appear by the Interruption of the regular Progression of Numbers or otherwise that any Part of any Book has not been duly delivered to him, shall procure, as far as possible, consistently with the Provisions of this Act, that the same may be remedied and supplied, and the Registers of Births and Deaths so sent to the General Register Office shall be thereafter kept in the said Office in such Order and Manner as the Registrar General, under the Direction of the Lord Lieutenant, shall think fit, so that the same may be most readily seen and examined.

X. The Father of any Child born in Ireland after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, or, in case of the Death or Inability of the Father, the Mother of such Child, and in case of the Death or Inability of the Parents, the Occupier of the House or Tenement in which to his or her Knowledge such Child was born, or the Nurse present at the Birth of such Child, shall, within *Forty-two Days* next after the Day of such Birth, and under a Penalty not exceeding *Twenty Shillings* in case of Failure, to be paid in full by each Person making default, give to the Assistant Registrar of the Sub-District within which such Child shall have been born full Information, to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief, of the several Particulars required by the Form (A.) to this Act annexed to be registered touching such Birth, and shall, in Presence of the Assistant Registrar, sign in Duplicate the Entry thereof to be made by him as herein-before directed; and in case of Failure or Neglect so to give Information such Parents and Persons above specified, and also any Person having Knowledge of the Particulars, shall, upon being required personally or by written Requisition of the Assistant Registrar, within *Three Months* after the Date of such Birth, and under a Penalty not exceeding *Forty Shillings* in case of Failure, attend personally and give Information to the Assistant Registrar of the Sub-District in which such Birth occurred, according to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief, of the several Particulars by the said Schedule (A.) required to be registered touching the Birth of such Child, and shall sign the duplicate Registers in the Presence of the Assistant Registrar.

Parents and others required to give Particulars of Birth within Forty-two Days.

XI. If any Child of an Irish Parent shall be born at Sea after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and*
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Register Children born at Sea.

sixty, on board of a British Vessel, the Captain or Commanding Officer of such Vessel shall forthwith make a Minute in the Log Book or otherwise of the several Particulars hereby required to be registered touching the Birth of such Child, so far as the same may be known, and of the Name of the Vessel in which the Birth took place, and shall, on the Arrival of such Vessel in any Port of the United Kingdom, or by any other earlier Opportunity, send a certified Copy of such Minute through the Post Office to the Registrar General in Dublin, who shall file the same, and shall cause a true and correct Copy thereof, verified by his own Signature, to be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose in the General Register Office, to be called the "Marine Register Book of Births," and the Registrar General shall keep such Book with the other Registers, according to the Provisions of this Act.

As to Registry after the Expiration of Three Months from Birth.

XII. After the Expiration of *Three Months* following the Birth of any Child, it shall not be lawful for any Assistant Registrar to register such Birth, save as herein-after provided; that is to say, in case the Birth of any Child shall not have been registered, according to the Provisions herein-before contained, it shall be lawful for any Person present at the Birth of such Child, or for the Father or Mother or Guardian thereof, to make a solemn Declaration in Presence of a Magistrate of the District within which such Child shall have been born of the Particulars required to be known touching the Birth of such Child, according to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief, and upon the Production to the Assistant Registrar of such Declaration it shall be lawful for the said Assistant Registrar to register the Birth of the said Child according to the Information contained in the said Declaration, and in every such Case the Person making the said Declaration shall sign the Entry of the Birth as Informant, and for every such Registry as last aforesaid the Assistant Registrar shall be entitled to have a Fee of *Two Shillings and Sixpence* from the Person requiring the same to be registered; and no Register of any Birth shall be given in Evidence to prove the Birth of any Child, except in the Case of a Child born at Sea, wherein it shall appear that *Three Months* have intervened between the Day of the Birth and the Day of the Registration of the Birth of such Child, unless the Person signing as Informant shall have made a Declaration before a Magistrate as herein required; and the Assistant Registrar shall forward all such Declarations to the Registrar, together with the Duplicate Entries herein-before mentioned, and the Registrar shall in like Manner forward the same to the Registrar General; and every Person who shall knowingly register or cause to be registered the Birth of any Child, otherwise than as herein-before last mentioned, after the Expiration of *Three Months* following the Day of the Birth

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of such Child, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding *Five Pounds*.

XIII. If any Child born in Ireland, whose Birth shall have been registered as aforesaid, shall, within *Six Calendar Months* next after it shall have been so registered, have any Name given to it in Baptism, the Parent or Guardian of such Child, or other Person procuring such Name to be given, may, within the said *Six Calendar Months* next after such Baptism, procure and deliver to the Assistant Registrar of the Sub-District in which the Birth of the Child took place a Certificate according to the Form (D.) to this Act annexed, signed by the Clergyman, Minister, or officiating Person who shall have performed the Rite of Baptism, which Certificate such Clergyman or other Person as aforesaid is hereby required to deliver whenever the same shall be demanded, within the said *Six Calendar Months*; and the said Parent or other Person shall deliver the said Certificate to the Assistant Registrar, and the said Assistant Registrar, upon Receipt of such Certificate, shall, in case the Register of such Birth be in his Custody, insert such Name in the original Duplicate Entries of such Birth; and the said Assistant Registrar shall thereupon certify upon the said Certificate the additional Entry so made, and shall send the said Certificate to the Registrar, who, if he shall have received the Duplicate Registers herein-before provided, shall cause the like Entry of the Name to be made in such Duplicate Entries, and shall transmit the Certificate to the Registrar General, who shall make the like Entry of the Name as herein provided, if the same be not already made, and shall preserve the Certificate.

Name given in Baptism may be registered within *Six Months* after Registration of Birth.

XIV. The nearest Relatives present at the Death of any Person dying in Ireland after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, or some One or more of them, or the Occupier of the House or Tenement in which such Death took place, or if the Occupier be the Person who shall have died, his nearest Relatives present at his or her Death, or some One or more of them, or if there were no Relatives so present, then some One or more of the Persons residing in the House in which such Death took place, shall, within *Eight Days* next after the Day of such Death, and under a Penalty not exceeding *Twenty Shillings* in case of Failure, to be paid in full by each Person making default, attend personally, and give Information to the Assistant Registrar of the Sub-District in which such Death occurred, to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief, of the several Particulars required by the Form (B.) hereunto annexed to be registered touching such Death, and shall, in Presence of the Assistant Registrar, sign the Entry thereof in

Persons present at Death to give Information thereof to Assistant Registrar.

duplicate, as aforesaid, and in the event of Failure or Neglect so to give Information such Persons as aforesaid, and any other Person having Knowledge of the Particulars, or if such Death shall not have taken place within a House, then any Person present at such Death, or having a Knowledge of the Circumstances attending the same, shall, upon being required personally or by written Requisition, within *Fourteen Days* after the Date of such Death, and under a Penalty not exceeding *Forty Shillings* in case of Failure, to be paid in full by each Person making default, attend personally, and give Information to the Assistant Registrar of the Sub-District in which such Death occurred, according to the best of his or her Knowledge and Belief, of the several Particulars required by the said Form (B.) to be registered touching such Death, and shall sign the Entry thereof in duplicate, as aforesaid, in the Presence of the Assistant Registrar; and in every Case in which an Inquest shall be held on any dead Body after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty* the Jury shall inquire of the Particulars herein required to be registered concerning the Death, and the Coroner shall communicate the Finding of the Jury, in Writing under his Hand, to the Assistant Registrar, and the Assistant Registrar shall make the Entry accordingly, provided that the Coroner shall not be required to sign as Informant, and the Assistant Registrar shall state in the Entry of such Death that the Information was received from the Coroner, and shall transmit all such Informations to the Registrar, together with the Duplicate Registers, and the Registrar shall send the same, with the Registers, to the Registrar General, who shall preserve such Informations with the Records of his Office.

Medical
Attendant
to transmit
Certificate
of Death to
Assistant
Registrar.

XV. The Medical Person who shall have been in attendance during the last Illness and until the Death of any Person dying after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty* shall immediately after the Death of such Person, and under a Penalty not exceeding *Forty Shillings* in case of Failure, to be paid in full by such Medical Person making default, transmit to the Assistant Registrar a Certificate of such Death in the Form (E.) herewith annexed, the Particulars of which shall be by him entered in the Registers; and all such Certificates shall be transmitted with the Duplicate Registers to the Registrar, and by him to the Registrar General; and the Assistant Registrar shall from Time to Time furnish, gratis, to every Medical Person within his Sub-District, the necessary Forms of such Certificate, which the Registrar General shall cause to be printed and forwarded from Time to Time to every Assistant Registrar for that Purpose.

Register of
Persons
dying at Sea.

XVI. If any of Her Majesty's Irish Subjects shall die at Sea, on board of a British Vessel, after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One*

One thousand eight hundred and sixty, the Captain or Commanding Officer of the Vessel on board of which such Death shall have happened shall forthwith make a Minute in the Log Book or otherwise of the several Particulars herein required to be inserted in the Register touching such Death, so far as the same may be known, and of the Name of the Vessel wherein such Death took place, and shall, on the Arrival of such Vessel in any Port of the United Kingdom, or by any other earlier Opportunity, send a certified Copy of such Minute through the Post Office to the Registrar General in Dublin, who shall file the same, and shall cause a true and correct Copy thereof, verified by his own Signature, to be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose in the General Register Office, to be called the "Marine Register Book of Deaths;" and the Registrar General shall keep such Book with the other Registers, according to the Provisions of this Act.

XVII. In case any Person shall find exposed any new-born Child or any dead Body, such Person shall forthwith give Notice of the finding of the same, and of the Place where the same was found, to the Assistant Registrar of the Sub-District in which the same shall have been found; and any such Person failing to give the Notice hereby required shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding *Twenty Shillings*.

Notice to be given of the finding of any new-born Child or dead Body.

XVIII. Every Person by whom the Information contained in any Register of Birth or Death under this Act shall have been given to the Assistant Registrar shall sign his Name, Description, and Place of Abode in the duplicate Entries to be made by the Assistant Registrar in the Books to be furnished to him for that Purpose, as herein-before provided; and no Copy of any Entry in any Register of Births or Deaths made by the Assistant Registrar according to this Act shall be given in Evidence, except in the Case of Coroners Inquests, as herein-before provided, if it shall appear that the original Entry in such Register was not signed by some Person professing to be the Informant, and to be such Party as is herein required to give such Information to the Assistant Registrar.

Register of Birth or Death to be signed by Informant.

XIX. Every Registrar shall, on or before the *Tenth Day of January in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two*, and on or before the *Tenth Day of January* in every succeeding Year, make out an Account, on a Form to be furnished to him by the Registrar General for such Purpose, of the Number of Births and Deaths registered by each Assistant Registrar within his District during the preceding Year, and shall specify in such Account the Number of Names contained in the Transcripts of the Registers of Births and Deaths prepared and transmitted by him to the Registrar General,

Remission to Registrar and Assistant Registrars.

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General, as herein-before mentioned, and such Account shall specify the Sums which the Registrar and Assistant Registrar shall be entitled to receive for the same respectively, according to the following Scale, that is to say, the Sum of *Sixpence* to the Assistant Registrar for every Birth and Death which he shall have registered during the 5 Period to which such Account refers, and the Sum of *One Penny* to the Registrar for every Entry made by him in such Transcripts, and the Registrar General shall examine the same, and in case such Account shall be approved of by the Registrar General, he shall certify such Approval thereof under his Hand, and return the Account so approved 10 to the Registrar, who shall thereupon transmit the same to the Secretary of the Grand Jury of the County in which his District or any Part thereof is situated; and the Grand Jury of such County shall present at the next ensuing Assizes or Presenting Term, without any previous Application at Presentment Sessions, the Sum or Sums of 15 Money specified in such Account, and the same shall be levied off such County accordingly, or in default thereof the same shall be inserted in and raised by an Order of the Judge of Assize, or of the Court at any Presenting Term, which Order shall have the Force of a Presentment, and the Sum or Sums therein mentioned shall be ap- 20 plotted, raised, and levied accordingly, as if the same had been inserted in a Presentment duly made at the Assizes or Presenting Term at which such Order shall be made; and the Sum or Sums of Money which such Registrar and Assistant Registrars are respectively entitled to receive shall be paid by the Treasurer of such County to 25 such Registrar and Assistant Registrars, upon the Order of the Registrar, on a Form to be furnished by the Registrar General for such Purpose, which Order the Registrar of each District is hereby required to give to the Assistant Registrars of such District upon their Application for the same. 30

Registrar General to furnish Marriage Register Books to Roman Catholic Clergymen.

Marriage Registers to be kept in duplicate.

XX. The Registrar General shall cause to be printed, and shall furnish to the officiating Clergyman of every Roman Catholic Place of Worship a sufficient Number in duplicate of Marriage Register Books, and Forms for certified Copies thereof, in the same Manner as he is required by the said recited Act to furnish Marriage Register 35 Books to Ministers of Churches and Chapels of other Religious Denominations in which Marriages may lawfully be solemnized, and every Roman Catholic Clergyman by whom any Marriage shall have been solemnized after the *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, shall immediately after such 40 Marriage register in duplicate in Two of such Marriage Register Books the several Particulars relating to such Marriage, according to the Form in the Schedule (C.) to this Act annexed, and every such Entry shall be signed by such Roman Catholic Clergyman,

Clergyman, and by the Parties married, and by Two Witnesses present at the said Marriage, and shall be made in order from the Beginning to the End of each Book, and the Number of the Place of Entry in each duplicate Marriage Register Book shall be the same.

- 5 XXI. It shall be lawful for every Roman Catholic Clergyman by whom any Marriage shall be solemnized to ask of the Parties to be married the several Particulars herein required to be registered touching such Marriage: Provided always, that when a Roman Catholic Clergyman shall have celebrated Marriage between Persons who shall have been previously joined in Marriage by a Clergyman of the United Church of England and Ireland, or otherwise according to Law, it shall not be necessary for such Roman Catholic Clergyman to register the Marriage so celebrated by him as last aforesaid.
- 15 XXII. Every Roman Catholic Clergyman who, after the said *Thirty-first Day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, shall solemnize any Marriage, save as last aforesaid, shall, in the Months of *April, July, October, and January* respectively, make and deliver to the Registrar of the District in which the Marriage was solemnized, in the Form in the Schedule (C.) hereunto annexed, a true Copy, certified by him under his Hand, of the Entries of all Marriages solemnized and registered by him since the last Certificate, the First of such Certificates to be given in the Month of *April One thousand eight hundred and sixty*, and which Certificate shall contain Copies of all Entries of Marriages registered by him up to that Time, and if there shall have been no Marriage registered by him since the last Certificate he shall certify the Fact under his Hand; and all such Marriage Register Books furnished as aforesaid, shall be kept safely until the same shall be filled, and one of every such Register Books, when filled, shall be delivered to the Registrar of the District by the Roman Catholic Clergyman having charge thereof, and the Duplicate Register Book shall remain in the Keeping and Custody of such Roman Catholic Clergyman.
- 35 XXIII. If a Roman Catholic Clergyman, having solemnized any Marriage which, according to the Provisions of this Act, ought to be registered, shall nevertheless refuse or omit to register or make a certified Copy of the same in manner aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Parties so married, together with some One of the Persons present on the Occasion of such Marriage, at any Time within *Six Months* after the Solemnization thereof, to cause the said Marriage to be registered, and for that Purpose to attend personally before the Registrar of the District within which the said Marriage shall have

Roman Catholic Clergyman to ascertain Particulars required to be registered.

Duplicate and certified Copies of Registers of Marriages to be sent to Registrar.

Liberty to Parties married to register Marriage in case of Default in doing so by Roman Catholic Clergyman.

been so solemnized, and to make and subscribe a solemn Declaration (which Declaration the said Registrar is hereby authorized to administer), according to the best of their Knowledge and Belief, of the several Particulars required to be set forth in a Register of Marriage according to the Form in the Schedule (C.) to this Act annexed, 5 and it shall thereupon be lawful for the said Registrar and he is hereby required to register such Marriage, according to such Declaration, in a Book to be called the Supplemental Marriage Register, which Book shall be furnished to him by the Registrar General.

Registers
to send
certified
Copies of
Marriage
Registers to
the General
Register
Office.

XXIV. Every Registrar shall, *Four Times* in every Year, on the 10 Days to be named for that Purpose by the Registrar General, send to the Registrar General, together with the other Registers of Marriages which he is by the said recited Act now required to send, all the certified Copies of such Registers of Marriages which shall have been returned to him pursuant to the Provisions herein-before contained, 15 and shall also at the same Time send therewith a true Copy, certified by him under his Hand, of all the Entries of Marriages which shall have been made by him in said Supplemental Marriage Register Book since the Date of the last Certificate; and the Registrar General, if it shall appear, by the Interruption of the regular Progression of Num- 20 bers or otherwise, that the Copy of any Part of any Book has not been duly delivered to him, shall procure as far as possible, consistently with the Provisions of the said recited Act and of this Act, that the same may be remedied and supplied, and the certified Copies so sent to the General Register Office shall be thereafter kept in the 25 said Office in such Order and Manner as the Registrar General, under the Direction of the Lord Lieutenant, shall think fit, so that the same may be most readily seen and examined.

Registers
to be paid
for certified
Copies of
Registers,
&c. sent to
the General
Register
Office.

XXV. Every Registrar shall make out an Account *Four Times* in every Year of the Number of Entries in such Registers of Births and 30 Deaths, and certified Copies of Marriages so sent by him to the Registrar General, and shall send the said Account to the Registrar General, and if, on Examination, and Comparison with the Registers of Births and Deaths and certified Copies of the Registers of Marriages received by the Registrar General, such Account be found 35 correct, the Registrar shall be entitled to receive *Twopence* for every Entry in such Registers of Births and Deaths, and *One Shilling* for every Entry in such certified Copies of the Registers of Marriages celebrated in his Presence under the said recited Act, or registered by him under this Act; and every other Person required by the 40 said recited Act or this Act to keep a Register of Marriages in duplicate, and forward certified Copies thereof to the Registrar, shall be entitled to receive *One Shilling* for every Entry in such certified

certified Copies, and all such Sums shall be paid by the Registrar General as Part of the Expenses of the General Register Office.

XXVI. The Registrar General shall, as soon as practicable after the Commencement of every Year, transmit to the Lord Lieutenant a General Abstract of the Numbers of Births, Deaths, and Marriages registered during the preceding Year, in such Form as the Lord Lieutenant shall from Time to Time prescribe, and every such Annual General Abstract shall be laid before Parliament within One Month after Receipt thereof, or, if Parliament shall not be then sitting, within One Month after the Commencement of the next Session.

Abstract of Registers to be laid annually before Parliament.

XXVII. Every Rector, Vicar, or Curate, and every Roman Catholic Clergyman, and every Presbyterian Minister of a certified Presbyterian Meeting House, and every Assistant Registrar, who shall have the keeping for the Time being of any Register Book of Births, Deaths, or Marriages, wherein any Birth, Death, or Marriage shall have been registered or entered, under the said recited Act or this Act, shall at all reasonable Times allow Searches to be made of any Register Book in his Keeping, and shall give a Copy, certified under his Hand, of any Entry or Entries in the same, on Payment of the Fees herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) for every Search extending over a Period of not more than One Year the Sum of *One Shilling*, and the further Sum of *Sixpence* for every additional Year, and the Sum of *Two Shillings and Sixpence* for every single Certificate.

Searches may be allowed and Certificates given by the Persons keeping the Registers.

XXVIII. Every Registrar shall cause Indexes of all Register Books in his Office to be made, and kept with the other Records of his Office; and every Person shall be entitled at all reasonable Hours to search the said Indexes, and to have a certified Copy of any Entry or Entries in the said Register Books, under the Hand of the Registrar, on Payment of the Fees herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) for every general Search the Sum of *Five Shillings*, and for every particular Search the Sum of *One Shilling*, and for every certified Copy the Sum of *Two Shillings and Sixpence*.

Indexes to be kept at Registrar's Office, and Searches allowed.

XXIX. The Registrar General shall cause to be made and kept in the General Register Office Indexes of all the said Registers of Births and Deaths, and certified Copies of the said Marriage Registers, and every Person shall be entitled to search the said Indexes between the Hours of *Ten* in the Morning and *Four* in the Afternoon of every Day, except Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and to have a certified Copy of any Entry in the said Registers of Births and Deaths, and certified Copies of Marriage Registers; and

Indexes to be kept at General Register Office, and Searches allowed.

for every general Search of the said Indexes the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, and for every particular Search the Sum of *One Shilling*, and for every such certified Copy the Sum of *Two Shillings and Sixpence*, and no more, shall be paid to the Registrar General, or such other Officer as shall be appointed for that Purpose, on his Account.

Certified
Copies to be
sealed with
Seal of the
General
Registrar
Office.

XXX. The Registrar General shall cause to be sealed or stamped with the Seal of the General Register Office all certified Copies of Entries given in the said Office; and all certified Copies of Entries purporting to be sealed or stamped with the Seal of the said Register Office, and which Seal it shall not be necessary to prove, shall be received in all Parts of Her Majesty's Dominions as Evidence of the Birth, Marriage, or Death to which the same relates, without any further or other Proof of such Entry; and no certified Copy purporting to be given in the said Office shall be of any Force or Effect which is not sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

Salary of
Registrar
General to
be increased,
and to in-
clude Remu-
neration for
all other
public Duties
performed
by him.

XXXI. Whereas the Registrar General was appointed by the Lord Lieutenant to superintend the taking of the Census in Ireland in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and also to superintend the Collection of Agricultural Statistics which have been taken in Ireland in every Year since that Period, and to perform other public Duties from Time to Time, in addition to those he was required to perform under the said recited Act, for which Duties special Remuneration has been heretofore awarded to him, in addition to the Salary received by him under the said recited Act; and it is expedient that in respect of such Duties, and of the additional Duties he will be required to perform under this Act, or otherwise, he should be paid by Salary: Be it enacted, that so much of the said recited Act as enacts that the Salary of the Registrar General shall not at any Time exceed the Sum of Eight hundred Pounds yearly shall be repealed; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to appoint from Time to Time the Salary of the said Registrar General, so that the same shall not at any Time exceed the Sum of *Twelve hundred Pounds yearly*, the Salary so to be appointed to be deemed to include the Remuneration for all Duties which the said Registrar General is or may hereafter be appointed or required to perform.

Assistant
Registrar
General to
be appointed.

XXXII. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant to appoint a fit Person, to be called "The Assistant Registrar General," who shall assist the Registrar General in the Execution of the said recited Act and of this Act, and the Person so appointed shall and he is hereby empowered, in the Absence of the Registrar General, to perform the Duties

Duties of Registrar General, and for that Purpose shall, during the Absence of the Registrar General, have all the Powers and be subject to the same Provisions as the Registrar General, and such Assistant Registrar General shall hold Office during the Pleasure of the Lord Lieutenant, and shall be removeable, and a Successor appointed, in like Manner as in the Case of the Registrar General; and the Assistant Registrar General shall receive such Salary as shall be from Time to Time appointed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, not exceeding *Five hundred Pounds* per Annum; and the Salary so to be appointed shall be deemed to include the Remuneration for all Duties which the said Assistant Registrar General is or may hereafter be appointed or required to perform.

XXXIII. The Salaries of the Registrar General and Assistant Registrar General, and of the Officers, Clerks, and Servants appointed under the said recited Act and this Act, and all Expenses of carrying on the Business of the General Register Office, not herein otherwise provided for, shall be paid out of any Monies provided by Parliament for such Purpose.

Salaries of Officers and Expenses of Registry Office to be paid out of Monies provided by Parliament for such Purpose.

XXXIV. The Lord Lieutenant, or the Registrar General with his Approbation, shall and may from Time to Time make Regulations for the Management of the General Register Office, and for the Discharge of the Duties of the Registrar General, Assistant Registrar General, Officers, Clerks, and Servants of the said Office, and of the Registrars and Assistant Registrars herein-before mentioned, so that such Regulations be not contrary to the Provisions of said recited Act or of this Act; and the Regulations so made and approved shall be binding on the Registrar General and Assistant Registrar General, and the Officers, Clerks, and Servants of the said Office, and on the Registrars and Assistant Registrars; and a Copy of all such Regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within *Six* Weeks after the same shall be so approved of, or, if Parliament shall not be then sitting, within *One Month* after the Commencement of the next Session.

Regulations to be made for Management of Office and Duties of Officers.

XXXV. All Fees or other Sums received by the Registrar General under the Provisions of this Act shall be accounted for and paid by the Registrar General, at such Times as the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall from Time to Time direct, into the Bank of England, to the Credit of Her Majesty's Exchequer, according to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Session held in the Fourth and Fifth Years of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act to regulate the Office of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at Westminster."

Fees received by Registrar General to be paid into Bank to Credit of the Exchequer.

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XXXVI. The

Appoint-
ments, &c.
to be exempt
from Stamp
Duties.

XXXVI. The Appointment of Officers, Clerks, and Servants under this Act, and the certified Copies of Registers herein mentioned, shall be exempt from all Stamp Duties.

Exemption
from paro-
chial and
corporate
Offices.

XXXVII. Every Registrar appointed under the said recited Act or this Act shall be freed and exempted from serving on any Jury or Inquest, and from any parochial and corporate Office whatever.

Penalty for
wilfully
giving false
information.

XXXVIII. Every Person who shall wilfully make or cause to be made, for the Purpose of being inserted in any Register of Births, Deaths, or Marriages, any false Statement touching any of the Particulars herein required to be known and registered, shall be subject to the same Pains and Penalties as if he were guilty of Perjury, and may be prosecuted by Indictment, and punished accordingly, or shall, on being summarily convicted thereof before Two Justices of the Peace, be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to a Fine not exceeding *Five Pounds*, or to be imprisoned for any Period not exceeding *Three Months*.

Penalty for
omitting to
register
Birth, Death,
or Marriage,
or for losing
or injuring
the Register.

XXXIX. Every Person who shall refuse or without reasonable Cause omit to register any Marriage lawfully solemnised by him, or shall refuse or neglect to forward to the Registrar or the Registrar General, as the Case may be, the certified Copies relating to Marriages, or the Registers of Births and Deaths, which he is by Law required so to forward, and every Assistant Registrar who shall refuse or wilfully neglect to register any Birth or Death of which he shall have had due Notice as aforesaid, and every Person having the Custody of any Register Book, or certified Copy thereof or of any Part thereof, who shall carelessly lose or injure the same, or carelessly allow the same to be injured whilst in his Keeping, shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding *Five Pounds* for every such Offence.

Penalty for
destroying
or falsifying
Register
Book.

XL. Every Person who shall wilfully destroy or injure or cause to be destroyed or injured any such Register Book, or any Part or certified Copy of any Part thereof, or shall falsely make or counterfeit, or cause to be falsely made or counterfeited, any Part of any such Register Book or certified Copy thereof, or shall wilfully insert or cause to be inserted in any Register Book or certified Copy thereof any false Entry of any Birth, Death, or Marriage, or shall wilfully give any false Certificate, or shall certify any Writing to be a Copy of or Extract from any Register Book, knowing the same Copy or Extract to be false in any Part thereof, or shall forge or counterfeit the Seal of the General Register Office, shall be liable, at the Discretion

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tion of the Court to Penal Servitude for any Period not exceeding Three Years, or to Imprisonment for any Period not exceeding One Year.

- XLI. No Person charged with the Duty of registering any Birth, Death, or Marriage, who shall discover any Error to have been committed in the Form or Substance of any such Registry, either by himself or any Predecessor in his Office, shall be liable to any of the Penalties aforesaid, if within *One Calendar Month* next after the Discovery of such Error, in the Presence of the Parents of the Child whose Birth may have been so registered, or One of them, or of the Parties married, or of Two Persons attending upon any Person in his or her last Illness whose Death may have been so registered, or in case of the Death or Absence of the respective Parties aforesaid, then in the Presence of the Registrar and of Two other credible Witnesses, who shall respectively attest the same, he shall correct the erroneous Entry, according to the Truth of the Case, by Entry in the Margin without any Alteration of the original Entry, and shall sign the marginal Entry, and add thereunto the Day of the Month and Year when such Correction shall be made; and in case the Duplicate Register of Births and Deaths shall have been sent to the Registrar General, the Registrar shall send to the Registrar General a true Copy, certified under his Hand, of the original Entry, and of such marginal Correction made in respect thereof; and the Registrar General shall cause such marginal Correction to be entered opposite to the original Entry in the Duplicate Register, and shall sign the same; and in case of Marriage the like marginal Entry, attested in like Manner, shall be made in the Duplicate Marriage Register Books; and in every Case a corresponding Alteration shall be made in the certified Copy of the Register Book, or in case such certified Copy shall have been already made and delivered as aforesaid, then a separate certified Copy of the original erroneous Entry and of the marginal Correction shall be in like Manner made and delivered.

Accidental Errors may be corrected.

- XLII. Nothing herein contained shall affect the Registration of Baptisms or Burials as now by Law established, or the Right of any officiating Minister to receive the Fees now usually paid for the Performance or Registration of any Baptism, Burial, or Marriage, or in any way limit or interfere with the Power at present possessed by Roman Catholic Clergymen with regard to Marriages which they may now lawfully solemnize.

Act not to affect existing Registrations of Baptisms and Burials, or Right of Ministers to Fees, or limit the Power now possessed by Roman Catholic Clergymen as to Marriages.

- XLIII. All Penalties by this Act imposed shall be recoverable before any Two Justices of the Peace for the County, City, or Place where the Offence shall have happened, or before any Magistrate of

Recovery of Penalties.

Police of the Police District of Dublin Metropolis when the Offence shall have happened within said District; and the Provisions of the "Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851," shall, so far as the same are applicable, extend to the Recovery of all such Penalties as aforesaid; and the Commission or Omission of any of the Acts, Matters, or Things herein-before contained, subjecting the Parties committing or omitting the same to any of the Penalties imposed by this Act, shall be deemed to be an Offence within the Twenty-second Section of the "Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851," and the said Penalties shall be recoverable in the Manner by the said Act provided for the Recovery of Penalties.

Registrar
General
may alter
Schedules.

XLIV. It shall be lawful for the Registrar General, with the Consent of the Lord Lieutenant in Council, to alter the Schedules to this Act annexed, regard being always had to the Objects and Purposes of this Act, and to rendering the same more effectual; and such Alterations of Schedules shall be published in the "Dublin Gazette," and shall, within *Fourteen* Days after the same shall have been issued, be laid before both Houses of Parliament, or, if Parliament shall not be then sitting, within *Fourteen* Days after the Meeting of the then next Session.

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Form (A.)

Births registered in the Sub-District of [] in the District of [] in the County of [].

No.	Date and Place of Birth.	Name.	Sex.	Name and Residence and Dwelling House of Father.	Name and Station of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When registered.	Signature of Assistant Registrar.	Registrar's Name, Address, and Date.
1	6th January 1869 13, George's Street.	John.	Male.	James Rice - 13, George's Street.	Siobhán Rice, formerly Thompson [if married name then once Surname of former husband stated]	Carpenter.	James Rice (Father), Carpenter, 13, George's Street, Kingstown.	6th January 1869.	John Cox, Constable.	John (Signed) James Rice, 13th February 1869.

The Words and Figures in Italics to be filled in according to the Facts.

Form (B.)

Deaths registered in the Sub-District of [] in the District of [] in the County of []

No.	Date and Place of Death.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Condition.	Age last Birthday.	Rank, Profession, Occupation.	Cause of Death, and Period of Illness.	Signature, and Address of Informant.	When registered.	Signature of Assistant Registrar.
1	24th January 1866. High Street.	James Green	Male -	Married, Bachelor, or Widower (as the Case may be).	53	Carpenter -	Pneumonia, Ten Months.	Sarah Green, Widow, High Street.	20th January 1866.	John Cag, Constable.

The Words and Figures in Italics are to be filled in according to the Facts.

FORM (C.)

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age last Birthday.	Condition.	Rank, Profession, or Occupation.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Service.	Rank, Profession, or Occupation of Father.
1	17th March	Thomas Johnston	28	Bachelor	Shoemaker	3, Sweeney Hill	Henry Johnston	Builder.
		Mary Hayes	29	Spinster	"	8, Great Britons Street	James Hayes	Car Owner.

Married in the _____ according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the _____ [after Banns] or [by Licence] by
 This Marriage was solemnized between us { Thomas Johnston } in the Presence of us { Henry Johnston.
 Mary Hayes } James Hayes.

The Words and Figures in Italics to be filled in according to the Fact.

Registration of Births,
&c. (Ireland.)

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